(Rs. per quintal)

	Year	CIP	Retail Prices
Wheat	1998-99	250	300
	1999-2000	250	300
	2000-2001	450 (upto 25.7.2000) 415 (from 25.7.2000)	473 Not available

Deteriorated foodgrains stored in FCI

479. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of CONSUMERAFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to poor and costly storage facilities, a considerable quantity of foodgrains stored in the Food Corporation of India's godowns has been deteriorated and rendered unfit for human consumption during the last two years;

(b) if so, the quantity of foodgrains falling in spoiled category; and

(c) the steps taken to ensure that foodgrains stored in FCI godowns do not become unfit for human consumption?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHRIRAM CHAUHAN): (a) to (c) No, Sir. Food Corporation of India (FCI) undertakes storage of foodgrains in scientifically built godowns and in a scientific manner. The quality and condition of stocks is monitored by undertaking periodic inspections at regular interval. Necessary, prophylactic and curative disinfestation treatments are undertaken,] However, inspite of various steps taken, some damage to the foodgrain stock takes place due to long storage as well as natural calamities such as flood, cyclone, etc. Such damaged stocks retrieved after segregation/salvaging, which are unfit for human consumption, are disposed off as fit for feed, industrial use, manure and dumping etc.

The foodgrains which got damaged during the last two years are given below:

Year	Quantity in M.T. (Prov.)
1999-2000	2,13,
2000-2001	537